

Judge Thomas was visiting you and apparently staying at your home. There was a dinner, where Professor Hill was invited and a breakfast the next morning where Professor Hill was invited, as was Judge Thomas, then Chairman Thomas, and that she drove Judge Thomas to the airport.

My recollection is that Professor Hill said that you asked her to do that. Do you recall those incidents, and did you ask her to do it? And if you did ask her to do it, did she leave any impressions, verbal or physical, that she didn't want to be with Judge Thomas or had any problem doing what you asked her to do, if you did ask her to take him to the airport? Do you remember the incident, first of all?

Mr. KOTHE. Oh, yes, but you would have to describe the setting, to fully understand even the importance of your question.

You know, the part that offends me so much here is that Clarence Thomas has never been described. You say who is the real Clarence Thomas? Well, the real Clarence Thomas is a warm, wonderful human being.

Senator DECONCINI. Yes, I understand that.

Mr. KOTHE. Let me finish.

Senator DECONCINI. Just address the area, if you will, please.

Mr. KOTHE. Yes, I will. At that breakfast, if you ever heard him laugh, it would vibrate this room. Anita doesn't have just a modest little laugh, either, and the two of them were just laughing, and it was laughing at laughing, incidents they would bring up about things that they were privy to that I was not, but my wife and I would sit there and just watch these two people just enjoy one another, as you do when you are in his presence.

When it ended, time to go to the airport, whether I asked her to take him to the airport, I don't think it was that way. It was a question of his going to the airport and she just said, "Well, I'll take him," and that's the way I recall it. But it was in a setting of conviviality or joy.

Senator DECONCINI. Of close friendship and respect in the—

Mr. KOTHE. Oh, my, you would have had to have been there to understand it.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you, dean, very much.

Mr. Doggett, your affidavit is of interest, of course, because if you want to draw something from it, you can, and if you don't want to, you don't have to. One thing you can draw from it is that perhaps Ms. Hill—when you knew her then, she was not Professor Hill, I don't believe—would somewhat fantasize as to a relationship that she thought she was going to have with you. Is that a fair observation or your interpretation?

Mr. DOGGETT. That was the conclusion I came to, in response to what I felt was an absolutely bizarre statement she made to me at her going-away party.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you. I have no further questions.

The CHAIRMAN [presiding]. Senator Thurmond?

Senator THURMOND. I have asked Senator Specter to propound to these witnesses.

Senator SPECTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.